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FORD UNDER CONSTRUCTION, ROUTE 9
TCHEPONE AREA, LAOS
1641N 10613E

1. [] FIRST REVEALED DAMAGE TO
THE EASTERNMOST SPAN OF THE FOUR-SPAN, HALF-THROUGH, STEEL-TRUSS, ROUTE
9 HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE SE BANG HIENG (RIVER) 1.4 NM NORTHWEST OF
TCHEPONE, RENDERING IT IMPASSIBLE TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

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2. [] REPORTED THE SPAN TO BE
PARTIALLY COLLAPSED. FLOODING ACTION WAS APPARENT ON BOTH BANKS OF
THE RIVER, AND THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF ATTEMPTS TO FORD THE RIVER.

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3. [] REVEALED A NEW ROAD BY-
PASS APPROXIMATELY 0.2 NM EAST OF THE BRIDGE WHICH CONNECTED ROUTE 9
WITH THE PARTIALLY-COLLAPSED SPAN. THE BRIDGE APPEARED TO BE SERVICE-
ABLE TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

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4. [] REVEALED THE
SPAN ADJACENT TO THE PREVIOUSLY DAMAGED SPAN TO HAVE COLLAPSED INTO
THE SE BANG HIENG (RIVER) AS A RESULT OF BOMB DAMAGE, RENDERING THE
BRIDGE UNSERVICEABLE. SIX BOMB CRATERS WERE OBSERVED IN THE AREA.

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5. [] REVEALED A NEW FORD BEING
CONSTRUCTED 0.1 NM NORTH OF THE DESTROYED BRIDGE.

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6. THIS MISSION, [] REVEALS A
PROBABLE LOG FORD BEING CONSTRUCTED 0.1 NM NORTH OF THE BRIDGE. THE
FORD IS APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT COMPLETED, AND APPROACH ROADS ON BOTH

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SIDES OF THE RIVER CONNECT THE FORD WITH ROUTE 9. SEVERAL PROBABLE PRE-FABRICATED PLANK OR LOG SEGMENTS ARE OBSERVED 0.1 NM WEST OF THE BRIDGE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF ROUTE 9, AND ONE ADDITIONAL FLOATING SEGMENT (OR A SMALL FERRY) IS TIED TO THE EAST BANK OF THE RIVER 0.1 NM NORTH OF THE BRIDGE. THREE OTHER PRE-FABRICATED SECTIONS OF THE WEST HALF OF THE FORD HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN WASHED AWAY AND SUNK. A SMALL SUNKEN BOAT IS OBSERVED 0.5 NM NORTH OF THE BRIDGE. THREE TOW LINES CONNECT THE COMPLETED WESTERNMOST HALF OF THE FORD WITH THE WESTERN BANK. A FOOT BRIDGE (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) 2.5 NM NORTH OF THE BRIDGE IS 50 PERCENT COMPLETED AND EXTENDS FROM THE WEST BANK OF THE RIVER TO A SAND BAR IN MIDSTREAM.

7. THIS AREA HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY COVERED BY NUMEROUS [REDACTED] LUCKY DRAGON, TROJAN HORSE, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] MISSIONS.

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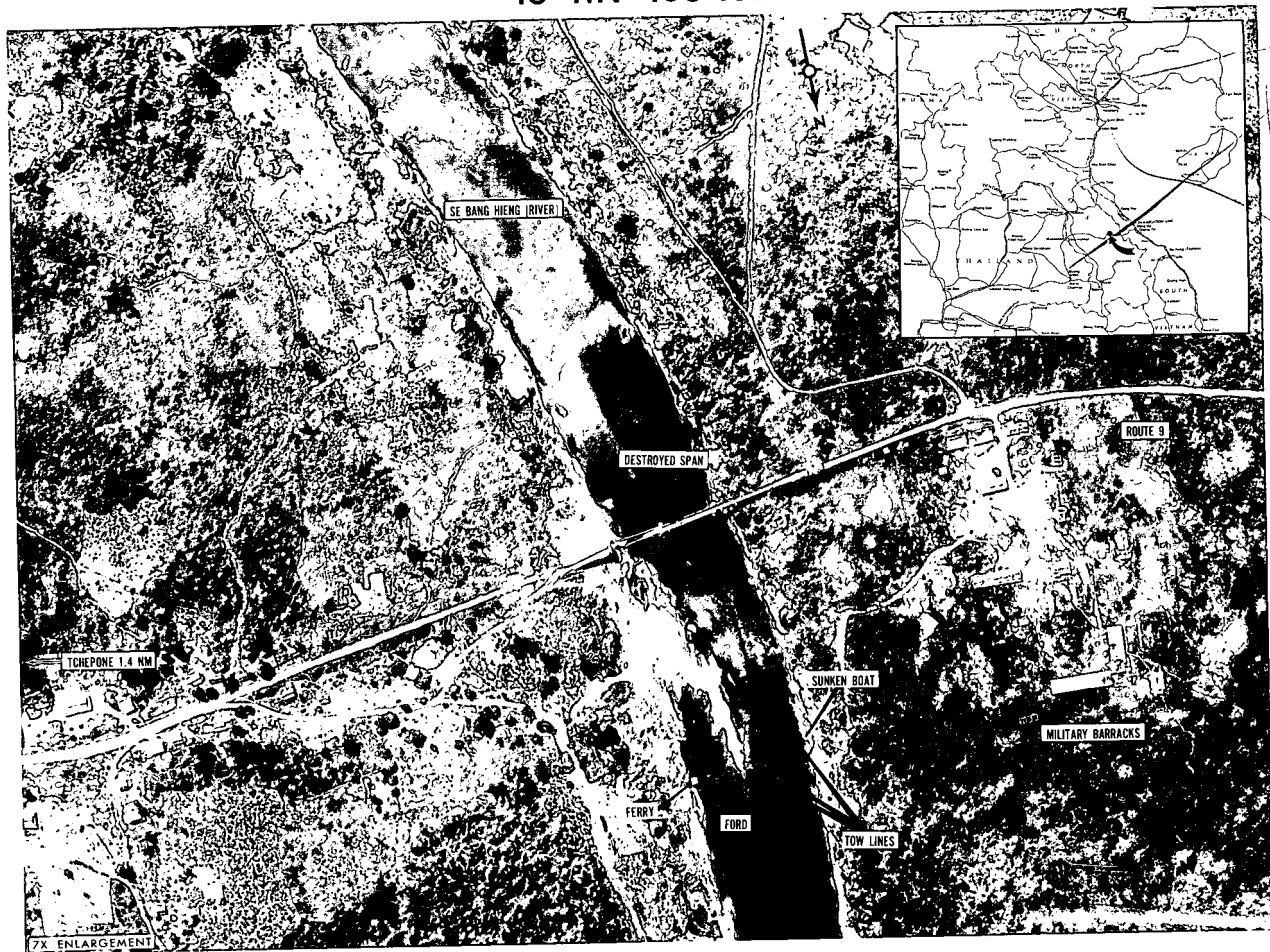
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